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Julius Caesar Date\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Study Guide

Act III

Answer the following questions while you read the play.

Scene 1

1. Why doesn’t Caesar read the letter from Artemidorus?
   1. *(8)*Record the line he says:
   2. Your paraphrase:
2. Who steps forward with a request for Caesar? What does he ask Caesar to do?
   1. *(36-43)*What is Caesar’s response to this request?
   2. Why do you think Caesar is so upset by this?
   3. Which other characters join in to support the request?
   4. What is the underlying purpose behind their “petition”?
3. Paraphrase Caesar’s lines:

*I could be well moved, if I were as you;*

*If I could pray to move, prayers would move me;*

*But I am constant as the Northern Star,*

*Of whose true fixed and lasting quality*

*There is no fellow in the firmament.*

* 1. What is his attitude towards the other men?

1. Who is the first to stab Caesar?
2. What does Caesar mean when he utters the famous line, “*Et tu Brute?- Then fall Caesar!”*?
3. Where has Antony been during this time?
4. *(151-160)*What is Antony’s first response to the death of Caesar?
   1. *(164-176)*How does Brutus answer Antony?
   2. What does he mean when he says, *“My credit now stands on such slippery ground /That one of two bad ways you must conceit me,/Either as a coward or a flatterer.”*
   3. Why does he shake hands with the conspirators, while still praising Caesar?
5. *(220-230)*What two things does Antony ask of the conspirators?
6. *(223-243)*What is Brutus’s response?
7. *(232-251)*What is Cassius’s opinion about the idea?
8. What does Antony reveal about his intentions during his soliloquy at the end of this scene?
   1. Paraphrase: *“O pardon me, thou bleeding piece of earth,/ That I am meek and gentle with these butchers!”*

Scene 2

1. *(12-44)* Describe Brutus’s funeral speech
   1. What reasons does he give for his actions against Caesar?
   2. Record a line that includes one of his reasons.
   3. How does the crowd react to his speech?
2. How does Brutus “introduce” Antony and his speech.
3. *(71-99)*How does Antony gain favor with the crowd as he begins his speech?
   1. What does Anthony say about Caesar before he compliments the conspirators?
   2. How does the crowd react to him?
4. *(116-135)*How does Antony “tease” the crowd?
5. ow HHow does Antony distract the crowd’s attention from the will?
   1. what does he say about the “mantel”WWSWWWWWWWW*(166-194)*What does he say about the “mantle”?
   2. ParaphPPPPPParaphrase: This was the unkindest cut of all.”
   3. Describe the crowds response to what Antony does next.
6. What is included in the will?
7. Paraphrase: Now let it work*: “Mischief art afoot/ Take thou what course thou wilt!”*
8. Where have the conspirators gone?

Scene 3

1. Why does the crowd kill Cinna the poet?
2. What is the purpose for this scene in the play?

Literary elements:

1. Find 2 examples of parallelism in the funeral speeches.
   1. How does use of parallel construction impact Brutus’s speech?
2. Find 2 examples of rhetorical questions in the funeral speeches.
   1. How does the use of rhetorical question impact Antony’s speech?
3. Irony: What causes the line, “Brutus is an honorable man” to become ironic in Antony’s speech?
   1. By the end of his speech, what is the meaning of this line?
   2. What is the crowd willing to do by the time Antony uses this line the last time?
   3. Find other examples of irony in Antony’s speech?
4. How was Antony able to turn the crowd against the conspirators? (3 tactics)